(b) and (c) No, Sir. However on an average, Indian Bureau of Mines takes three months to collect and publish the data from the end of the reporting month in view of scrutiny & validation of data.

Mineral deposits in Orissa

3632. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is total mineral deposit in Orissa;

(b) the mineral exploitation per annum especially of Iron Ore and Chromite;

(c) whether the minerals deposits in the State are enough to meet the internal needs and also for export for another five hundred years; and

(d) whether the new mineral policy would increase internal consumption and discourage the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Information on the reserves/resources of minerals in Orissa and production details are given in the Indian Minerals Year Book published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

(c) Consumption and exploration of minerals depends on economic viability and market forces. With further exploration the resources of minerals are likely to increase.

(d) The new National Mineral Policy seeks to develop a sustainable framework for optimum utilisation of the country's natural mineral resources for the industrial growth in the country. Export of minerals is guided by the Export-Import (EXIM) Policy notified by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry from time to time.

Funds to NMDFC for upliftment of minorities

3633. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made to the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) whether the funds allocated during that period were fully utilized;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the amount sanctioned was sufficient to meet the growing demand for upliftment of minorities;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether NMDFC is facing a financial crunch to meet its obligations towards the minorities; and

(g) if so, the steps taken or being taken by Government to allocate more funds to NMDFC for upliftment of minorities?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) A provision is made in the Union budget for release of the Central Government's equity contribution to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC). The equity contribution made by the Central Government, along with the equity contribution of State Governments and recoveries made by NMDFC on outstanding loans, constitute the resources available to NMDFC for disbursement. The status regarding budgetary provisions, equity contribution made by the Central Govt. and disbursements made by NMDFC during 2006-07 & 2007-08 are as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budgetary Allocation	Equity released	Disbursements by NMDFC
2006-07	18.29	18.29	112.75
2007-08	70.00	70.00	144.12

(d) to (g) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) provides for enhanced equity support to NMDFC. As such the equity contribution has gone up from Rs. 18.29 crores during 2006-07 to Rs. 70 crores during 2007-08. A provision of Rs. 75 crores is available in the Budget Estimates for 2008-09.

Achievements of Maulana Azad Education Foundation

3634. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets and achievements of Maulana Azad Education Foundation during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether any application for scholarships from Andhra Pradesh are pending, giving the details, name-wise;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, by when these are likely to be sanctioned;

(e) whether irregularities are found in implementation of the schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The Maulana Azad Education Foundation does not set any physical targets for sanctioning grants-in-aid to NGOs. During the last three years, Maulana Azad Education Foundation has sanctioned grants-in-aid amounting to Rs.19,49,29,280/- to 147 NGOs and scholarships for meritorious girl students amounting to Rs. 11,67,58,000/- to 10966 girls. The details are given in Statements-I & II resepctively (*See* below).

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Some instances of irregularities in implementation of the schemes have come to notice and appropriate action in each case has been taken. The details are given at Statement-III.